

*City of Victoria*

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## *Annual Crime & Traffic Report for 2020*

### Vision Statement:

We want Victoria to be a safe community to live, work in, and visit.



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# Mission Statement

To reduce crime and the fear of crime through outstanding police services in partnership with the community.



**Food Bank Distribution**

**Coffee with a Cop**



**TARGET  
Heroes and Helpers**

Integrity • Professionalism • Pride in Service • Respect



# Message from the Chief



On behalf of the men and women of the Victoria Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report. This report highlights the incredible work each member of our department has accomplished during an unprecedented time.

The Coronavirus presented many trials and tribulations, including officers' health and safety and the safety of our citizens within the community. This report will identify crime statistics and the impact the Coronavirus had on our community and department throughout the year.

The efforts in community policing, even in the midst of a pandemic, is at the forefront of our core values. We will always strive to be good stewards of the tax payer's dollar and will continue to serve and protect the citizens that live, work and visit Victoria every day and night.

In summary, Class One Crimes decreased 8.54 percent from 2019. Class Two Crimes decreased by 10.77 percent compared to 2019 totals. The Victoria Police Department focused on the health and safety of citizens, while providing fundamental services. The department responded to 94,005 calls for service in 2020, which is an increase of .55 percent compared to 2019. Our department was impacted 192 times by COVID-19, to include exposures and self-quarantines.

I am proud of the work our men and women continue to accomplish. Our continued commitment is to provide the highest quality, professional and courteous service to our community. I'm honored to be a part of the Victoria Police Department and look forward to building lasting relationships in this great City of ours.



# National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)



In reporting crime statistics to the state and federal level, the Victoria Police Department utilizes the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). In this system, law enforcement agencies collect and submit detailed information about crime incidents and arrests.

Most local law enforcement agencies provide a monthly count of offenses and arrests for certain offense categories to their state UCR systems, which in turn report these totals to the FBI. The Victoria Police Department implemented NIBRS in 2011, reporting NIBRS enables our agency to collect more data elements allowing for better crime analysis.

The Victoria Police Department reports violations of criminal law as either Class I or Class II crimes. The Class I crimes reported by the Victoria Police Department are murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft. Class II crimes encompass all other offenses which include criminal mischief/vandalism, DUI, drugs/narcotics, forgery/counterfeit, fraud, liquor law violations and other miscellaneous offenses.

This report contains Victoria's preliminary crime statistics released to the FBI. Final numbers reported may vary slightly in the FBI's report, "Crime in the United States", that will be published in the fall of 2021.

# Crime Statistics for 2020

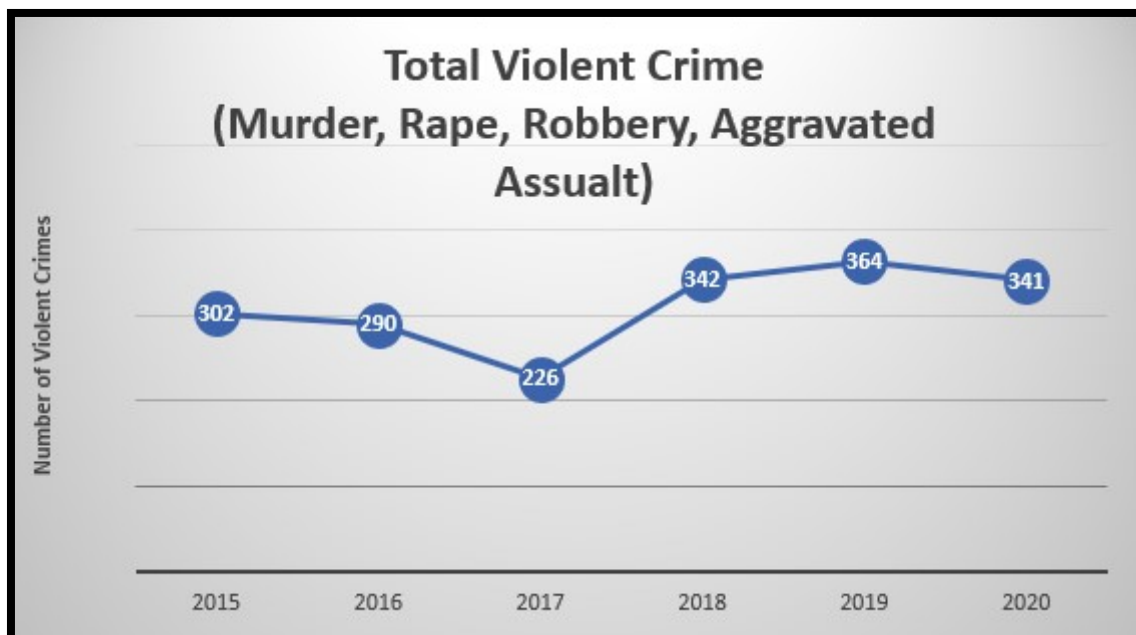
Class I Crimes, 2015 - 2020								
Crime Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change from 2019	% Change from 5 Year Average
Murder	2	5	3	5	3	<b>2</b>	-33.33%	-44.44%
Rape	58	52	62	80	82	<b>62</b>	-24.39%	-7.19%
Robbery	48	64	47	53	51	<b>42</b>	-17.65%	-20.15%
Aggravated Assault	194	169	114	204	228	<b>235</b>	3.07%	29.26%
Burglary	436	519	600	382	384	<b>349</b>	-9.11%	-24.82%
Theft	1771	1901	1730	1591	1531	<b>1378</b>	-9.99%	-19.17%
MV Theft	108	102	113	100	122	<b>128</b>	4.92%	17.43%
Total Violent Crime	302	290	226	342	364	<b>341</b>	-6.32%	11.88%
Total Property Crime	2315	2522	2443	2073	2037	<b>1855</b>	-8.93%	-18.57%
<b>Total Class I Crime</b>	<b>2617</b>	<b>2812</b>	<b>2669</b>	<b>2415</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>2196</b>	<b>-8.54%</b>	<b>-14.98%</b>



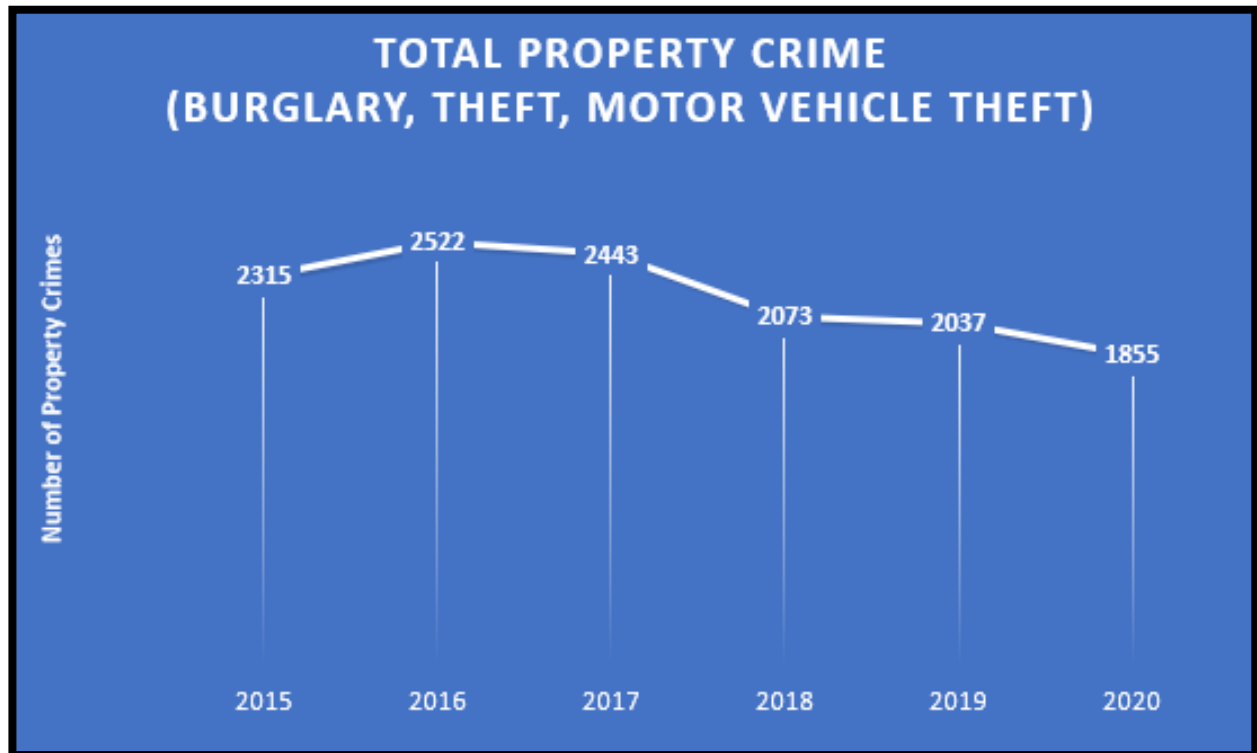
**VIOLENT CRIME**  
DECREASE 6.32%



**CLASS I CRIME**  
DECREASE 8.54%

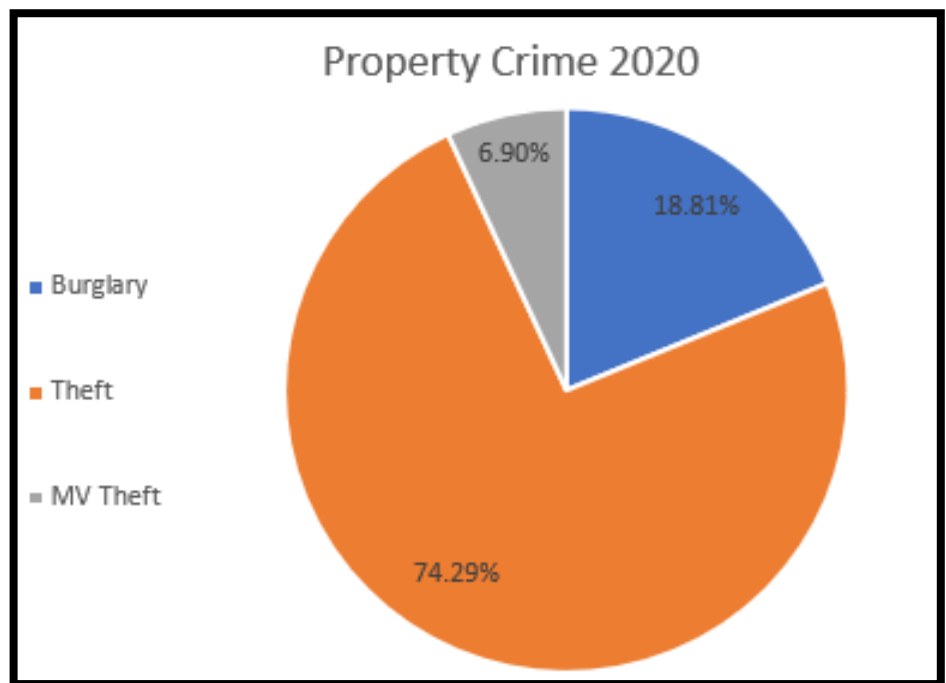




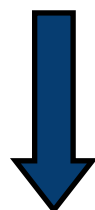


Theft includes:

- ◇ Shoplifting
- ◇ Theft from Person
- ◇ Burglary of Motor Vehicles (BMVs)



**PROPERTY CRIME  
DECREASE 8.93%**



**UNSECURED BURGLARY  
OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
DECREASE 11.25%**

Class I and Class II Crime Rate									
Crime Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change from 2019	% Change from Avg	5-Year Avg
<b>Total Class I Crimes</b>	<b>2617</b>	<b>2812</b>	<b>2669</b>	<b>2415</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>2196</b>	<b>-8.54%</b>	<b>-14.98%</b>	<b>2582.80</b>
<b>Total Class II Crimes</b>	<b>4468</b>	<b>4371</b>	<b>4422</b>	<b>4497</b>	<b>5291</b>	<b>4721</b>	<b>-10.77%</b>	<b>2.41%</b>	<b>4609.80</b>
Population	66988	68603	69489	67779	67015	66997	-0.03%	-1.44%	67974.80
Class II Crimes per 100,000 residents	6669.9	6371.4	6363.6	6634.8	7895.2	7046.6	-10.75%	3.82%	6786.99
Class I Crimes per 100,000 residents	3906.7	4098.9	3840.9	3563.1	3582.8	3277.8	-8.51%	-13.71%	3798.47



**CLASS II CRIME  
DECREASE 10.77%**

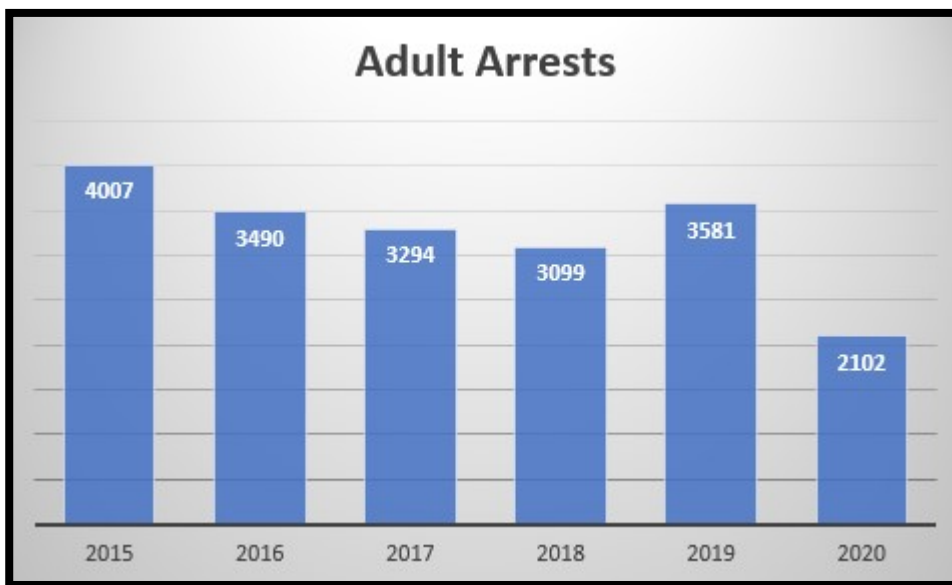


**CLASS I & II CRIME  
DECREASE 10.08%**



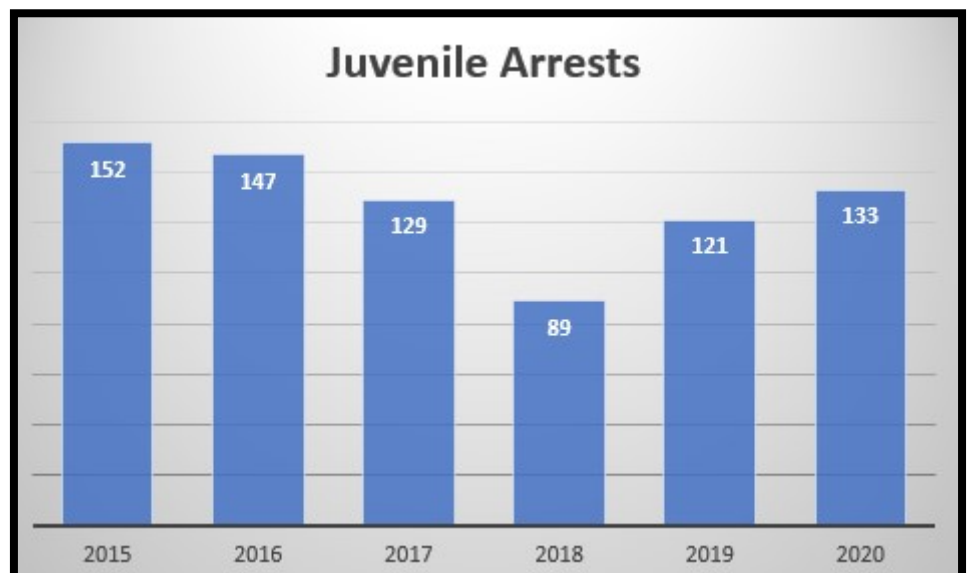
Total Class II Crime								
Crime Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change from 2019	% Change from Average
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	665	729	615	594	514	559	8.75%	-10.33%
DUI	222	207	221	247	340	256	-24.71%	3.48%
Drugs/Narcotics	528	425	496	558	838	624	-25.54%	9.67%
Forgery/Counterfeit	85	111	98	130	106	112	5.66%	5.66%
Fraud	206	278	274	186	160	167	4.38%	-24.37%
Liquor Law Violations	73	36	26	30	33	24	-27.27%	-39.39%
Runaway	118	144	123	182	197	204	3.55%	33.51%
Sex Offenses	17	20	26	33	58	23	-60.34%	-25.32%
Simple Assault	763	750	795	836	860	853	-0.81%	6.52%
Terroristic Threat	35	50	41	57	62	50	-19.35%	2.04%
Trespassing	97	151	171	183	178	225	26.40%	44.23%
Weapons Law Violations	36	48	51	69	106	97	-8.49%	56.45%
All Other Offenses	1623	1422	1485	1392	1839	1527	-16.97%	-1.62%
<b>Total Class II Crimes</b>	<b>4468</b>	<b>4371</b>	<b>4422</b>	<b>4497</b>	<b>5291</b>	<b>4721</b>	<b>-10.77%</b>	<b>2.41%</b>

Arrests						
Arrest Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Adult	4007	3490	3294	3099	3581	2102
Juvenile	152	147	129	89	121	133
Total	4159	3637	3423	3188	3702	2235



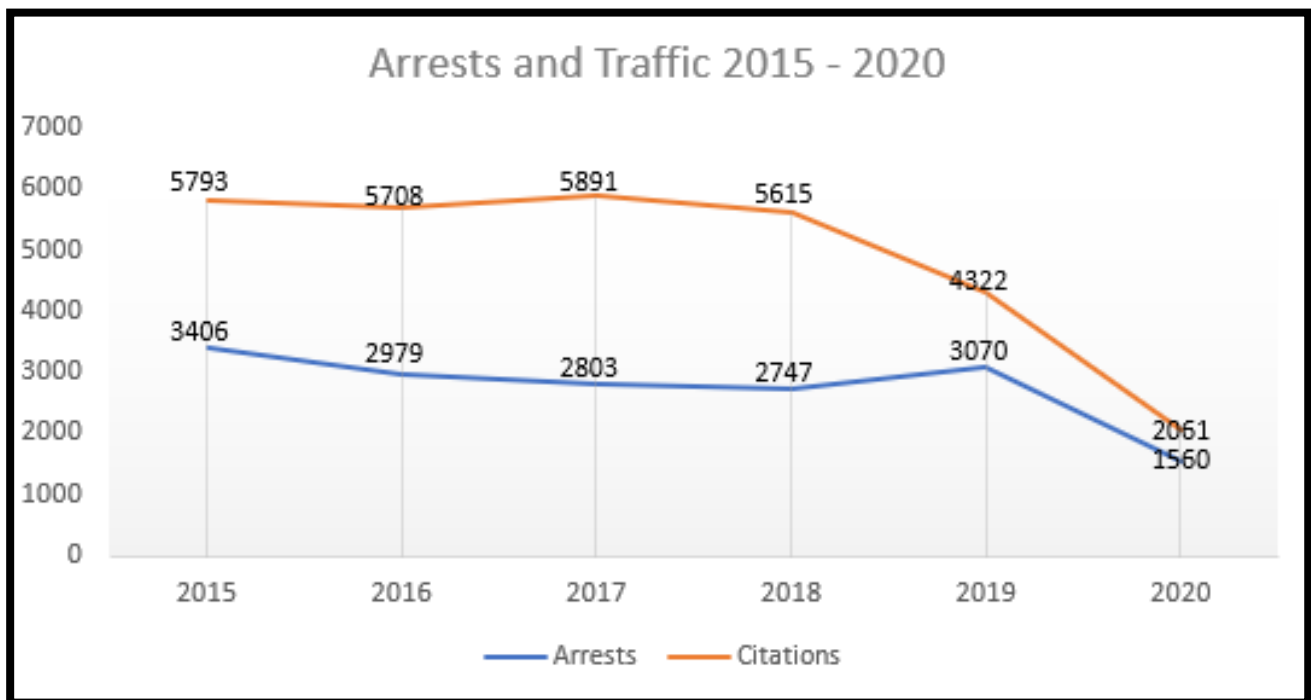
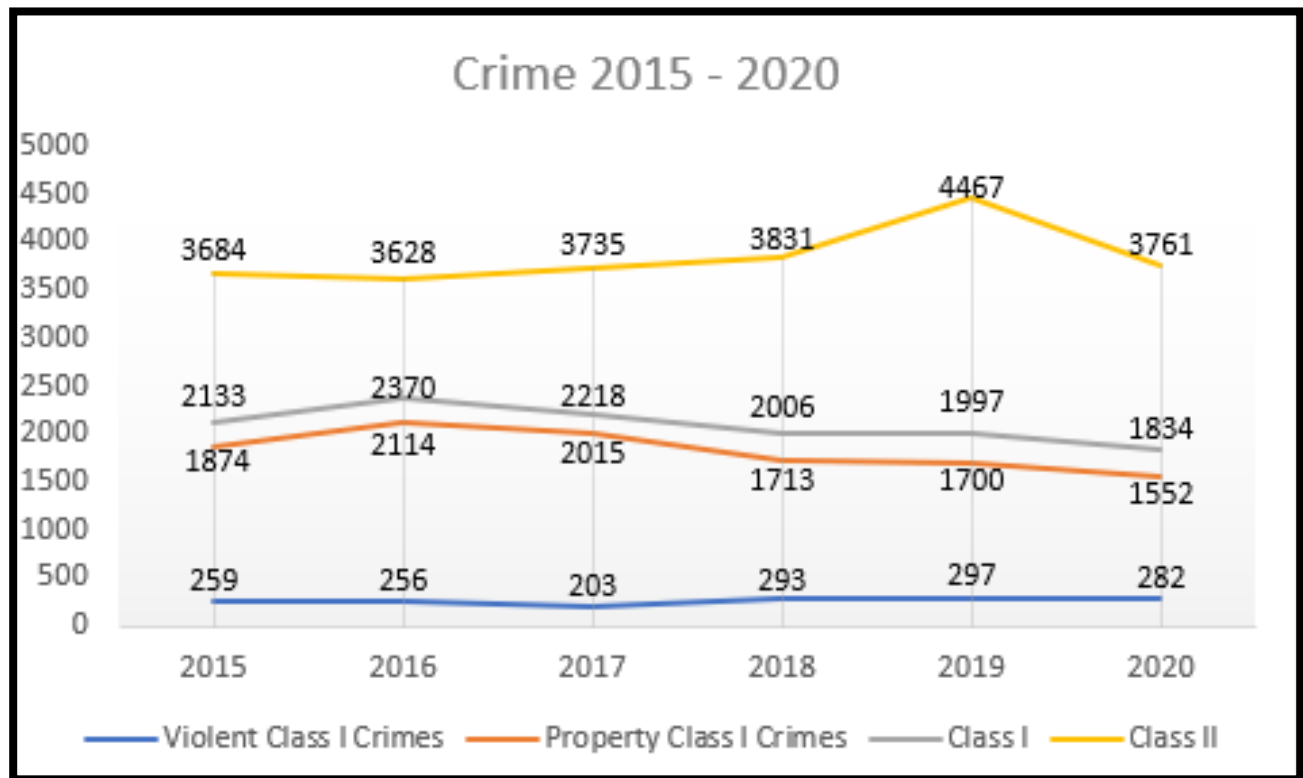
**ADULT ARREST  
DECREASE 41.3%**

**JUVINILE ARREST  
INCREASE 9.9%**





# COVID Snap Shot



These two graphs illustrate the offenses that occurred between March and December. This is a great representation of how crime, arrests and traffic enforcement were affected during the COVID Pandemic.

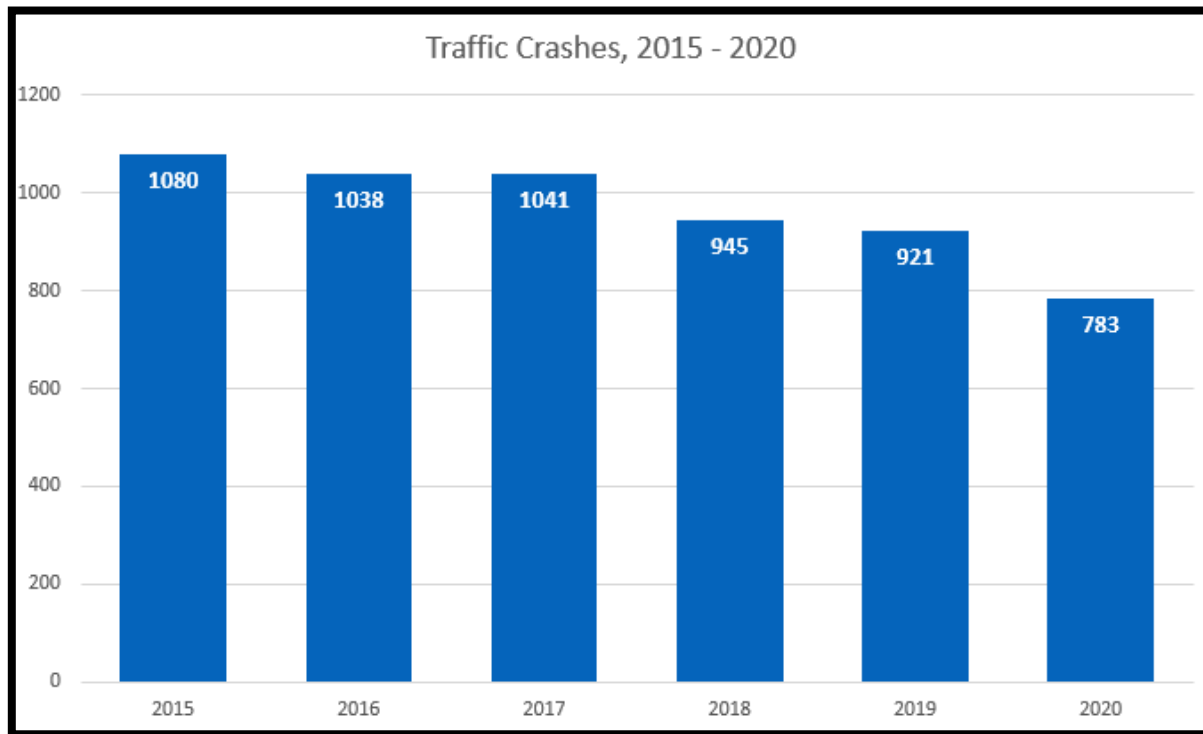
# Patrol Statistics

The Patrol Division responded to 783 crashes, recovered 51 firearms, seized over 4,000 grams of narcotics, completed 362 escorts, and provided security at COVID testing sites and vaccination distributions. Officers responded to 914 priority one calls at an average of 6.26 minutes, staying below our goal of 7 minutes.

The COVID pandemic presented many challenges, resulting in our department applying different response measures to preserve the health and safety of our citizens and officers. Dispatchers were screening 911 calls when priority calls allowed for it; citizens were asked to meet officers outside to enable social distancing or officers would make contact via phone.



# Crashes



Top 2020 Crash Factors	
Contributing Factor	Count
22 = Failed to Control Speed	125
98 = Other (Explain in Narrative)	91
37 = Failed to Yield ROW - Turning Left	81
35 = Failed to Yield ROW - Stop Sign	66
67 = Under Influence - Alcohol	61
15 = Disregard Stop and Go Signal	58
34 = Failed to Yield ROW - Private Drive	42
23 = Failed to Drive in Single Lane	23
3 = Backed Without Safety	21
16 = Disregard Stop Sign or Light	19
41 = Faulty Evasive Action	19
4 = Changed Lane When Unsafe	18
20 = Driver Inattention	16
47 = Ill (Explain in Narrative)	14
19 = Distraction in Vehicle	11
40 = Fatigued or Asleep	11
68 = Under Influence - Drug	11
43 = Fleeing or Evading Police	10

Victoria Police Department officers handled 783 traffic crashes in 2020.

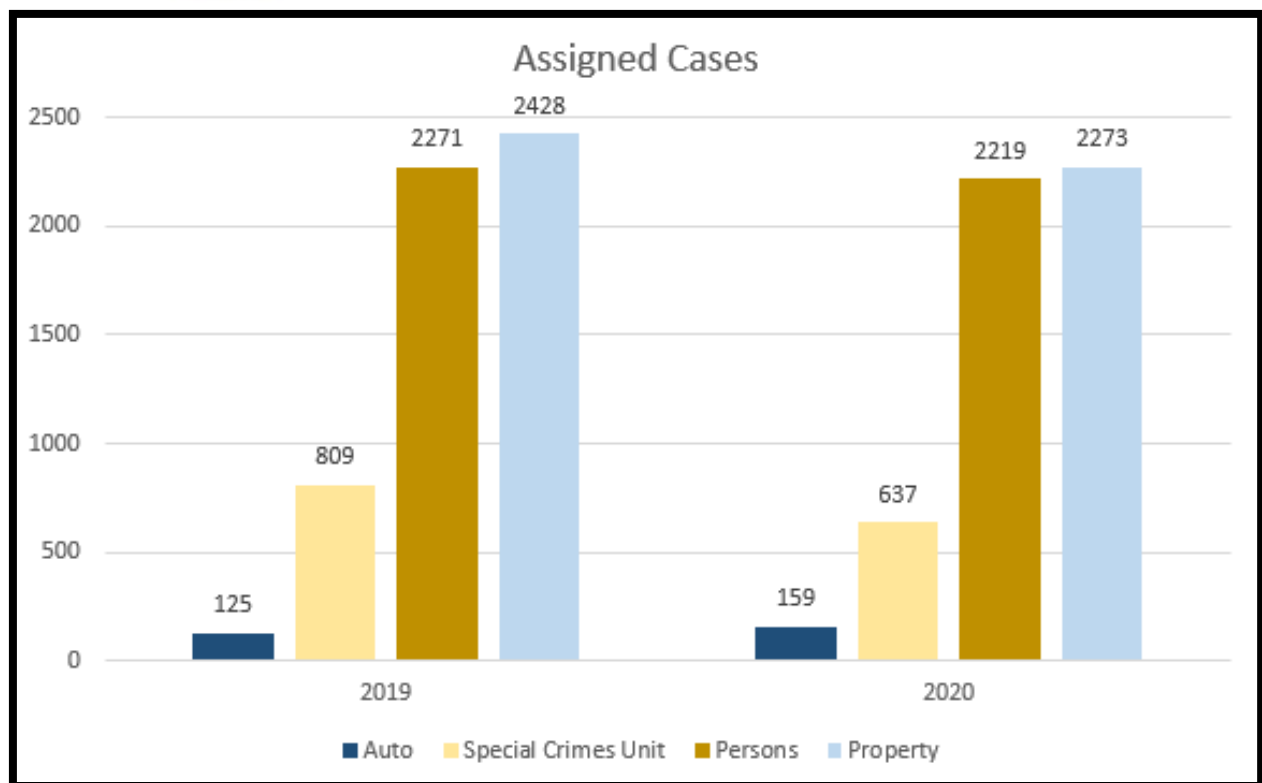
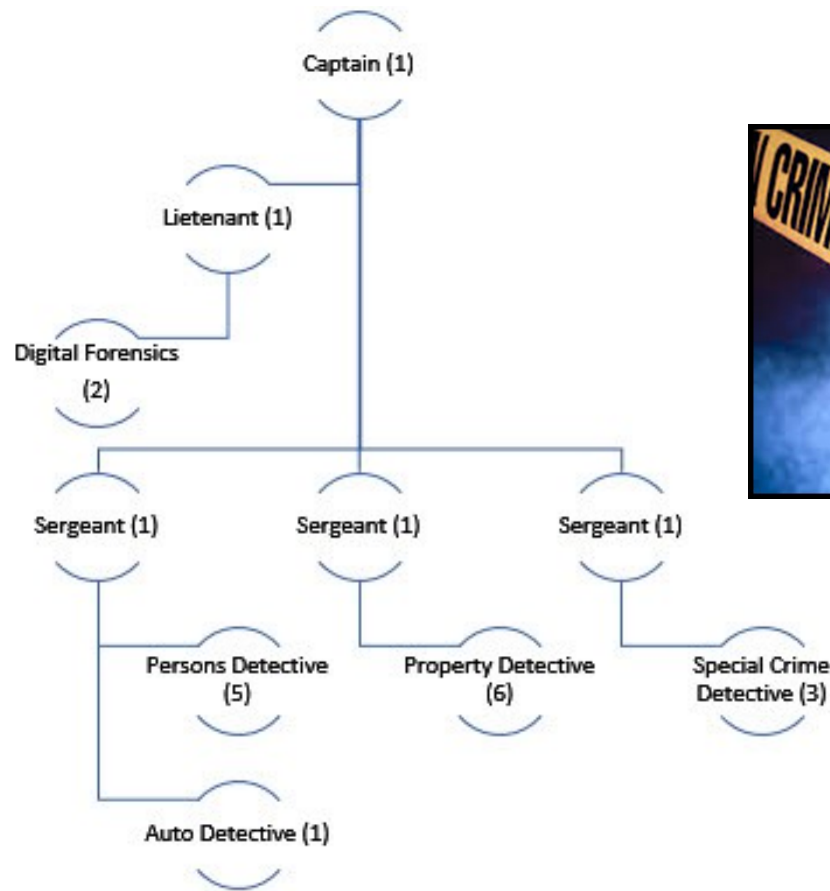
The table to the left shows the top contributing factors leading to the crash.



Traffic Crashes  
Decrease 14.98%



# Investigation Statistics



# Training Courses



In 2020, the Victoria Police Department submitted 116 rosters and 6,863 training hours to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). Officers and Dispatchers attended numerous courses throughout the year.

The DPS Fitness Institute is an extensive six-week course that combines classroom lectures and various workouts. This academically rigorous course prepares individuals in becoming certified personal trainers as well as Physical Fitness Instructors and Testers for DPS as well as outside agencies. This course assists in preparing the students with information in the following topics: Program Development; Basic Anatomy and Physiology; Exercise Leadership and Instruction skills; Strength, Cardiovascular, and Flexibility training principles; Physical Fitness Assessment Protocols; Nutrition Science; and Resiliency Training.

DPS Fitness Institute Graduates are an integral factor in helping improve and maintain fitness and reduce disease potential within DPS and outside agencies who have attended. Graduates provide answers to health and fitness related questions from colleagues in the field on a regular basis. Furthermore, the graduates often help educate and train Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Personnel by providing physical fitness, nutrition, resilience training and sleep presentations as well as various workouts.

VPD had three officers attend the DPS Fitness Institute. These officers will be able to instruct, and administer test and create fitness improvement plans.

# 21st Century Training

## Apex Officer Dynamic Scenario Generator

The Victoria 100 Club provides aid to first responders for needed equipment and funds for training to local law enforcement agencies. This year, the Victoria 100 Club donated \$62,500 for the purchase of the Apex Officer training system.

Real life events don't end on one incident. That is why Apex Officer developed a proprietary system using machine learning and artificial intelligence to create multi-incident scenarios. With the Dynamic Scenario Generator, the scenario doesn't end on one confrontation. Just like in real life, there are many results and outcomes to every action. Not every situation is a shoot situation.



With their unique blend of randomization, artificial intelligence and voice recognition Apex Officer's training simulations offer police departments an infinite number of training opportunities.



The Victoria Police Department will have Apex trained officers to facilitate training to other crossroad law enforcement agencies and throughout the year.

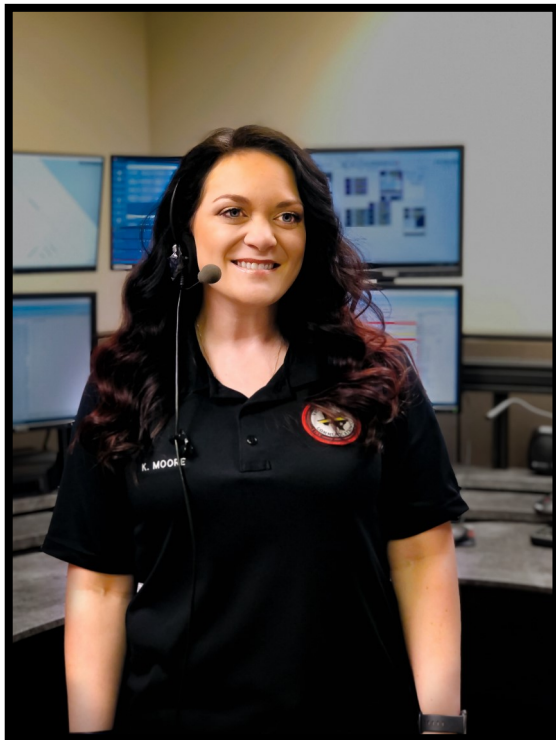




# 911 CENTER

The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission provided the opportunity for the 911 center to purchase five brand new telecommunication consoles. The 911 center is a 24/7 mission critical environment, responding to an average of 7,830 calls per month.

The console that has been identified is manufactured by Xybix. This next generation console is more durable, with an estimated 20+ year lifespan. The consoles include personal environment controls with filtered air flow and forced air heaters. This is optimal for employee comfort, as the overall environment of the 911 center must maintain cool temperatures to ensure the large quantity of electronics do not overheat. It allows for a personalization of our employees' environment safely without overheating or fire hazards. An energy saving motion detector can turn on/off the environmental features to save energy. These workstations provide ergonomic furniture solutions that support better health and increase productivity.



*“ We love the new consoles the 911 center received in 2020! These brand new, state of the art consoles come with all the bells and whistles, and help us continue to effectively perform our jobs. It gives me great satisfaction knowing every day I could potentially save lives, protect property, and ensure my second family of first responders goes home safe.”*

*TCO/FTO Katie Moore*



# Community Engagement Unit

The unit formerly known as Crime Prevention has evolved into Community Engagement Unit (CEU) with the changing needs of our citizens. Although they were faced with countless obstacles during COVID-19, CEU officers consistently worked to engage and educate the community. Whether it was the Food Bank distribution, a drive by parade, Early Childhood Intervention toy distribution, Blue Santa Toy Drives, Target Heroes and Helpers, or providing COVID information to businesses the CEU remained focused on their goal of crime prevention through education.



The Community Engagement Unit promoted programs such as the Civilian Police Academy, Neighborhood watch, National Night Out, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), and the Civilian Police Academy Alumni Association. In a consorted effort, the CEU creates and maintains relationships with community groups and organizations in order to encourage a positive interaction between police officers and citizens.



The Victoria Police Department is considering implementing a Volunteers In Patrol program. This program is an effort to bring interested community minded citizens together with the VPD. The purpose is to provide a visible presence in the community as a deterrent to crime.



# Community Engagement Unit

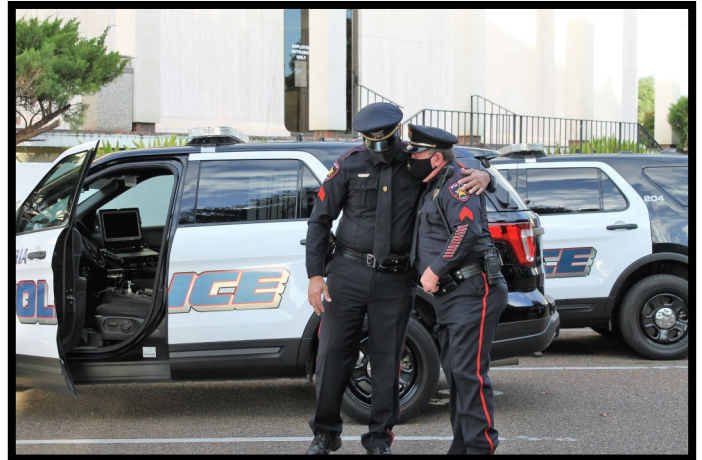




# Retirements

After nearly 60 years of combined service with VPD, on November 19, 2020, two sergeants took their final “walk-out” from the patrol room. A Walk- Out ceremony is a traditional ceremony organized on a voluntary basis by retirees and present co-workers to honor those that have dedicated their life to law enforcement.

We are grateful for their decades of commitment, dedication and wish them well on their new endeavors.



**Sgt. Adam Nieto - 30 years of service**



**Sgt. Lee Lemmons 29 years of service**



# 2021 GOALS

- Reduce all crime by three percent with a concentrated effort on violent crime.
- Respond to Priority One Calls for service in seven minutes or less.
- Create opportunities to collaborate with businesses and residents through different technology mediums.
- Develop an Officer Wellness Program (6 pillars of 21st century policing)
- Develop a means to provide virtual trainings for personnel.
- Maintain current number of Community Engagement Events that focus on crime prevention through education.
- Provide state of the art virtual reality training (APEX) for our Crossroads law enforcement partners.
- Increase Investigation case clearance rate by five percent.
- Reduce traffic related crashes by five percent.
- Support overall mission of crime reduction through data analysis and proactive directed enforcement.

# 2021 Recruitment Campaign

In the near future, Victoria residents will see a life size recruitment cutout of our Recruitment Officer David Brogger, with information flyers to take and go along with a QR code for quick access.

Applicants can visit [www.joinvictoriapd.com](http://www.joinvictoriapd.com) to obtain all the information. The website has been updated and shares the most recent information about how to join our department. Future employees will be able to watch videos, read testimonials, obtain salary information, benefits and qualifications. This website will be a one stop shop for all the information they need. Not to mention, Officer Brogger's contact information will be easily accessed on the page.



## **2021 Recruitment Goals**

- Implement the marketing plan for the 2021 Recruitment Campaign.
- Reduce employee attrition rate by six percent.
- Enable personnel an opportunity to transfer throughout the department.
- Broaden employees' scope of experience, creating a versatile and well-rounded department.





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